

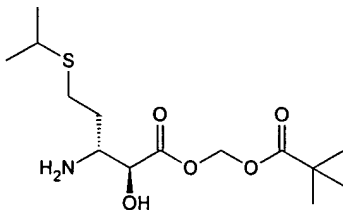
REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in this application. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-16 will be pending.

Applicants hereby elect Group I without traverse.

Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the election of Group I and have also amended the same to correct minor typographical errors.

Applicants elect Example 30 as the species for search purposes. The structure of this compound is provided below for the Examiner's convenience.



Example 30

[(2,2-dimethylpropanoyl)oxy]methyl (2*S*,3*R*)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-5-
(isopropylsulfanyl)pentanoate

CONCLUSION

Subject matter has been cancelled without prejudice to its presentation in a continuation or divisional application. Allowance of claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

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